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## CHURCHILL DOWNS JOCKEYS COLONY SET FOR BREEDERS' CUP

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020)** – Several members of the Churchill Downs jockey colony are set to make the journey back to Keeneland on Friday and Saturday to take center stage at the Breeders' Cup World Championships.

"It's a really good feeling coming into this year's Breeders' Cup," said jockey **Joe Talamo**, who moved his tack from California to Kentucky in 2020. "We have a lot of good shots in this year's event."

Talamo, represented by **Jake Romans**, is likely to be named on three-to-five horses in the Breeders' Cup, according to his agent. Among them are \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (GI) runner **Girl Daddy** and \$2 million Breeders' Cup Mile (GI) entrant **Ivar**.

"I'll do a lot of preparation handicapping and watching replays," Talamo said. "It's expected to be a lot of full fields so watching replays of the competition is key. You can't take any of these horses lightly in the Breeders' Cup."

Jockey **Florent Geroux** is likely to ride in 10 of 14 Breeders' Cup events, according to his agent **Doug Bredar**. Among Geroux's scheduled mounts is champion mare **Monomoy Girl**, the likely favorite in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Distaff (GI). Geroux is also named to ride seven-time winner **Arklow** in the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Turf (GI) and the front running **Factor This** in the Mile.

Other local riders expected to ride in the Breeders' Cup are **Robby Albarado**, **Adam Beschizza**, **Declan Carroll**, **David Cohen**, **Gerardo Corrales**, **Tyler Gaffalione**, **James Graham**, **Colby Hernandez**, **Brian Hernandez Jr.**, **Corey Lanerie**, **Julien Leparoux**, **Gabriel Saez** and **Ricardo Santana Jr.**

"It's really exciting to be involved in the Breeders' Cup for the first time," said Colby Hernandez, who will ride **Just Might** in the \$1 million Turf Sprint (GI). "We moved my family to Kentucky to ride full-time here. It's a great opportunity and I'm very grateful to trainer **Michelle Lovell** and the owner."

Also riding in the Breeders' Cup for the first time is 21-year-old Carroll, who is scheduled to ride **Empire of Gold** in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Sprint (GI). Carroll is the son of trainer **Mark Casse**'s assistant **David Carroll** and exercise rider **Kim Carroll**. Declan Carroll has assisted the Casse team working several of their top horses including \$1 million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (GI) contender **War of Will**. The 2019 Preakness Stakes (GI) winner is scheduled to retire following the race.

"(War of Will) will always have a special place in my heart," Declan Carroll said. "I've been fortunate enough to have sat on him since he was 2-years-old."

Entries for this year's Breeders' Cup will take place Monday.

**RACING RESUMES AT CHURCHILL DOWNS WEDNESDAY FOR ABBREVIATED WEEK** – Racing will continue at Churchill Downs on Wednesday for an abbreviated three-day week due to the Breeders' Cup World Championships at Keeneland.

Wednesday and Thursday at Churchill Downs will have first posts at 1 p.m. ET with nine races on Wednesday and 10 races on Thursday. Live racing will move to Keeneland on Friday and Saturday for the Breeders' Cup. Entries for both Friday and Saturday are Monday. Following the World Championship event, racing resumes at Churchill Downs for a 10-race program at 1 p.m. ET on Sunday. Entries will be taken Wednesday.

Wednesday's program at Churchill Downs will feature an \$89,000 non-winners of three allowance for 3-year-olds. The compact field of seven runners includes graded stakes placed **Mo Mosa**, **Ragtime Blues** and **Sonneman**.

Thursday's card is topped by a \$95,000 conditioned-allowance scheduled for one-mile on the Matt Winn Turf Course. The field of 10 features multiple graded stakes winner **Mr. Misunderstood**.

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